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United States Senate

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Lauren J. Belvin, Acting Director Office of Legislative Affairs Federal Communications Commission Room 808 1919 M Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belvin:

Enclosed please find copies of letters from three of my constituents in Maine concerning the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket No. 92-235 which proposes comprehensive changes to the FCC rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating on frequency bands below 512 MHz. As you may recall, I forwarded a large number of similar letters on this issue to you at the end of March.

These Maine residents are concerned about the effects that this proposal may have on individuals who use frequencies in the 72-76 MHz band for operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I understand that the comment period on this proceeding, which was set for February 26, 1993, has been extended until May 28. In an effort to be of assistance to my constituents, I am forwarding their letters to you and respectfully request that their concerns be carefully considered during the FCC's deliberations on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

William S. Cohen
United States Senator

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To whom it may concern:

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I am writing in reference to the FCC NPRM-PR docket 92-235. This docket addresses part 88 of the code, that affects Part 95, the RC frequencies.

If what is proposed goes into effect, all radios involved lose thier controllibity, which in turn renders them useless. Not being able to control an aircraft going more than 60 mph is dangerous at best. In our group we have thousands of dollars involved in the radios, never mind the time and money tied up in the construction of an aircraft. To lose it all because your proposal makes it possible to override our freq. that we use. You see when another more powerful freq. interupts ours, it also interrupts the control on our planes. The possiblities after that intruption are disasterous, not just for the plane but for the spectators and thier personal property on the ground.

As I have stated before my group and I have a lot of money tied up in this sport, all of which would be lost for saftey sake. You can't very well use a radio that doesn't control your aircraft consistently.

A check list is used before we fly just to make sure everything is working properly. By adding the freqs. The check list would mean nothing.

Is there not somethingelse that can be done? The money that is already invested would be lost. The money invested in the radios in the Central Maine area alone is a conciderable amount. In these economical times, people just can't afford to throw that kind of money away. So you see the delema you are putting good people in. Your forcing them to choose between money and safety. I shutter to think what some would choose. Flying is an enjoyable, clean sport, I hope it will stay that way.

If you could look into this matter further it would be appreciated by many who now enjoy the sport of flying Radio Controlled aircraft.

Thank you for your time and concideration in this matter.

Yours truely

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The Honorable William Cohen United States Senate Washingtion, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cohen: I have been interested in aviation for a very long time. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing

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Dear Senator Cohen:

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

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